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Ticket Drive Sets Year's Activities in Motion

Staff Members Flock Here by the Dozen

It is 8:30 a. m. and another day is about to begin. New students wander through the maze of halls looking for homerooms; juniors and seniors greet friends they have not seen during the summer; and faculty members check their boxes for last-minute notices. Although this day seems much like other opening days for many of Shaker's teachers and students, it is especially exciting for twelve staff members because it is their first day.

The English department will have four new members this year. They include Miss Dorothy Buchler, Miss Marion Henderson, Miss Jean Smith, and Mr. Charles H. Wall. Miss Marian Hill will be a new addition to the physical education department, and Miss Dorothy Orndorff will be a guidance counselor. The social studies department will receive two new members. They are Mr. Dent Rhodes and Mrs. Dorothy Lungmus.

French students will be greeted by two new faces when Miss Angela R. Tucci and Mrs. Lily Molho join the department, and Mrs. Sue JoAnn Langfellow will be a Spanish teacher this year. Mrs. Ourina Forbes will also be on hand to enlighten students of mathematics.

PA to Broadcast Activities Program During School Know-Your-Club Week

By Hank Kronenberg

Know-Your-Club Week, sponsored by the Student Council's Club Committee, will be held from September 26-30. Its primary purpose is to acquaint Shaker students with extracurricular activities.

Every morning during the week, P. A. announcers will introduce the 31 clubs and service organizations and relate their programs for the coming year. At the end of the week each Shakerite will fill out one club preference form for each club he has decided to join.

Josey Grossman, chairman of the Club Committee, stated, "Our aim at school is to have each Shakerite participate in at least one club. Through Know-Your-Club Week we hope that everyone will become acquainted with all the activities."

Girls Leaders and Girls Swim Leaders Clubs provide opportunities for athletic competition and service to the school. Swimmers interested in water ballet comprise Shares, another girls' club.

For those who enjoy science and



High stepping strutters shown here during a summer practice session are Linda Snavelly, Judy Perry, and Barbara Burke.

'Practice Makes Perfect' Motto For Activities Planning Ahead

By Rusty Spoeth

Behind the elaborate programs of Shaker's various clubs and activity groups lies a summer of careful planning and intensive work for the fall.

Leaders of Band, the Youth Council on Human Relations, Majorettes and Cheerleaders have been rehearsing, planning, organizing, and meeting throughout the summer.

To train new members and to refresh the old, Shaker's Marching Band initiated a summer program of rehearsals for marching and

playing in the fall. Organized primarily by Majorette Judy Perry and Band Treasurer Stuart Hirsch, the summer sessions drew an average of thirty old and new Band members. The cheerleaders and the Majorettes both worked steadily all through the summer rehearsing and perfecting their old routines and creating new ones.

Jeff Bauman, president of the Youth Council on Human Relations, and members of his executive staff met with their adviser, Joseph Szawja, and representatives of the Cleveland Council on Human Relations, with which they are affiliated.

Members of the Youth Council attended meetings weekly as part of the Cleveland Council on Human Relations' "Great Books" discussion series. Students from all over Cleveland gathered at different homes each week and discussed such writings as *Hiroshima* by John Hersey and *Life Magazine's* "National Purpose" series.

medicine, the Science and Pre-Med Clubs are offered. Lectures and field trips are being planned for both groups.

Drama Production Club and Stage Crew are available for students interested in backstage activities. Thespians, the national dramatic honor society, is the goal of many theater-minded students.

For discussions of current world problems, there are the Junior Council on World Affairs and the Youth Council on Human Relations.

Shakerite and Gristmill are the Shaker publications. Both are open to students interested in writing.

Chess Club and Contract Bridge offer fun and experience in those two games. The French Club is offered for students who want to learn about the language and customs of France.

Group activities and service are offered by the boys' Hi-Y and girls' Y-Teens. Other boys' activities are Bowling and the Rifle Club.

Those students interested in art or other facets of culture may join the Art Service Club or the Fine Arts Club. Future Teachers of America is available for Shakerites interested in teaching.

Student Council Will Sponsor Sale Throughout Week of September 8-14

Activity Ticket shooting for 100% victory! Supporters claim this is the ticket that will sweep all sixty-three homerooms.

Lasting only five homeroom periods, the 1960 Activity Ticket Sale will officially start September 8. At the Hello Assembly Sue Getzendanner, the chairman of the drive, will inform Shakerites of the activities this ticket will help to support. After this assembly and each day until Wednesday, September 14, the Student Council representatives will collect the \$5.50 fee in homerooms.

The Activity Ticket is intended to offer something for everybody. The purchase of a ticket will buy football tickets and a year's subscription to the *Shakerite*. It also helps to support assemblies, the Student Council, girls' athletics, and the treasury of each class.

When one Activity Ticket is sold, ten cents is allotted to the girls' athletic fund to purchase items not included in its regular budget. Fifty cents per ticket goes to each class to finance its Senior Prom. The Student Council receives twenty cents to pay for the student handbooks and various other activities of the Council. From its share, the Assembly Fund obtains speakers and groups for assemblies.

Over half the money col-

lected purchases seven football tickets for the buyer. This money supports the boys' athletic program which includes both varsity and intramural sports. About one third of the total collected is distributed to the *Shakerite* to pay for printers' fees. A regular edition of the school newspaper costs about \$200.

Kickoff Fete Starts Social Ball Rolling

Shakerites will have their first opportunity to meet this year's football teams as the 1960-61 social season opens with the annual Kick-off Party.

The event, sponsored by the Social Council, will take place on Friday, September 16, from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. in the football stadium. According to the Shaker tradition, Coach Nay Sanna will give a short talk and then present this year's varsity and JayVee teams. The cheerleaders will be on hand to show students their new cheers and help them remember the old ones.

After the opening ceremonies, students will dance in the parking lot to music provided by a band.

Yearbook Editors Compare Form At Annual Ohio 'Annual' Forum

By Pam Silverman

Soon after the close of the last school year, fifteen members of the new *Gristmill* staff were surprised to receive postcards informing them that the yearbook for this year had already been planned. This, of course, was a joke. The cards had been sent by three staff members, Gregg Dixon, Carole Smith, and Pam Silverman, who, accompanied by *Gristmill* sponsor George Starr, attended the Fifteenth Annual Publications Workshop at Ohio University.

Each year since the initiation of the program, students affiliated in any way with school newspapers

and yearbooks have come to the Athens campus to attend workshops conducted for the most part by teachers from the Ohio area. This year the conference lasted from June 19 to June 25, so the students were afforded five full days of workshop classes.

All three students participated in special classes. Carole Smith in the art department, Pam Silverman in the copy department, and Gregg Dixon in the unexperienced editor class.

Many students found that the classes provided not only worthwhile information but also an opportunity for swapping ideas. A familiar question at O.U. that week was, "May I see your annual?" Very few students used the term "yearbook." Our "annual," the *Gristmill*, was received favorably by those who looked through it.

There will be another conference next year at Ohio University. When Shaker's group goes down, all the students will have a copy of this year's *Gristmill*. They will have to wait until June to see it though, because, as any busy staff member will tell you, the *Gristmill* is not planned yet.

A Greeting From the Principal

A hearty "HELLO" to you!

Vacation days go by rapidly. I hope these days were happy ones for you.

I wish for you a good 1960-61 school year. It will be so if you apply yourself consistently and participate sincerely and wisely in the activities of our school. Let's make it a great year for you personally and for the Shaker Heights High School.

Russell H. Rupp,
Principal

A Suggestion From the President

On behalf of the Student Council, I would like to welcome you all, especially the tenth graders and the upperclassmen who will be attending Shaker for the first time.

To you, the newcomers, I would like to offer the following advice. You will find this school a very friendly, warm place. With the help of the student body, you will soon become part of the heart of the school.

Shaker has a vast program of activities in which you may participate. Take advantage of this program. Assume a positive attitude toward learning and take an interest in all that goes on about you here at Shaker. School will soon become an enjoyable place in which to live and learn.

Ned Grossman,
President, Student Council

Attention, new girl students!
Today after school there will be a Big and Little Sister Coke Party in the girls' gym. Every girl in her first year at Shaker will attend with a "big sister" previously assigned to her. A fun-filled party which includes entertainment and refreshments will follow.

The Winning Ticket

This is a political year, so who are we to be non-political? We claim that the real "winning ticket" is here at Shaker—the Activity Ticket.

The Activity Ticket's "platform" is sure to have something that appeals to everyone. The purchase of this ticket guarantees the students the excitement of a thrilling football season; it supports an active student government and a varied program of clubs and intramural sports for them; it helps finance the Senior Prom of each class; it provides for more and better assemblies; and it enables each student to find out what is going on around his school by reading the *Shakerite*. It all adds up to a full and happy school year.

Everyone has something to gain by purchasing an Activity Ticket. But unless the Activity Ticket can count on "Victory in September," there will be none of these activities for November, December, or any other month of the school year. There will be no "broken promises" with this ticket—so let's make this one victory that's unanimous!

Looking at the Toddler Set -- From the Outside In

By Joel Stein, Society Editor

A progressive philosopher once noted that children, in spite of what they seem or do, are in reality just miniature people. The next morning when his hangover was gone he realized the possible far-reaching effects of his statement. But it was too late, for the damage had been done. Myriads of naive adults seized on this idea from either amusement, boredom, or sheer stupidity. "Children are People" became the watchword of the suburbanite, Melvin and Myrtle Crabgrass. Their children, opportunists, let them indulge in this gossamer fantasy.

Having myself been raised under this delusion, I was more than slightly disturbed when I began my job as a nursery camp counselor this summer. For the first time in my life, I had a true glimpse of children from the outside in—in spite of the fact that the parents, letting each child dress himself, did not bother to teach him to differentiate between inside and outside; consequently, I have seen more shirt seams than has a bellybutton.

Our 42 children were superficially divided into three groups. Actually, the only difference among them was age. They all looked alike: distended bellies, petulant lips, runny noses, and gaping jaws. The coordination of these creatures was amazing. They had none. Also fascinating was the kidney capacity of our youngsters. They had none. I spent so much time in the lavatory that I was in

danger of developing a deep-seated Freudian psychosis.

Our program, formulated immediately after meeting the children, ran as follows:

MON: Playing in traffic, or how to become an Artful Dodger.

TUES: Making masks from plastic bags.

WED: Swimming Lessons—underwater thrashing, advanced thrashing, what to eat before going in the water.

THURS: Occupational therapy in a razor blade factory.

FRI: Making quicksand castles.

SAT: Nature study.

Saturdays were the most fun! We vivisected insects, chased rabbits through the blackberry bushes, made bouquets of poison ivy, poison oak, and ragweed, and skimmed the dead bumblebees off the pool.

The creative talents of our little humanoids were centered about decorating with blood. But surprisingly enough, only two of my five-year-olds were able to employ so useful a tool of destruction as a pair of scissors. Making confetti and crayoning furniture were the limits of their artistic capabilities—and my patience.

Enjoying only drooling more, the youngsters delighted in crying. Each ruddy youth had his own subtle variation. One little girlie waited impatiently for her mother to leave to burst into tears. It was left to me, the convenient father image, to soothe her. I soon discovered this could best be done by



Author Stein cavorts with his little playmates on the jungle gym.

feeding her graham—ugh—crackers. Much to my astonishment, she chewed them until they were the consistency of some pabulum-like coagulum, and then spewed them out. Much more to my astonishment, I was in the way. Viewing my misfortune, she burst into peals of laughter and waddled away.

Experiences such as this caused me to daydream. Many were the imaginary offerings I buried to the vengeful Fates. Manifest were the devotions I gave to Zeus. My dreams of sacrifices to Xipe were numerous, if prosaic in method. How many times had I envisioned myself a Druid priest, gleefully watching the victims in my flaming wicker baskets. But unlike my dreams, the little toads were all too real, and lingered.

(Editor's note: What did the illustrious Mr. Stein do after his eight weeks of torture as a nursery camp counselor? Why, he signed up as a counselor in an overnight camp and spent the rest of his summer vacation with more "little toads.")

Byron Gym the Scene Of Summer Canteen

Canteen on Monday nights at Byron Junior High helped liven up the summer for the second year in a row. SHRAFT (Shaker Heights Recreation Association Federation Thing) was a relief from the summer heat for almost a thousand teen-agers.

Dancing was held in the girls' gym, and food was served in the snack bar lounge. The admission charge was 25 cents per person. All the money collected goes into the recreation fund.

The canteen was under the supervision of Edward Zednick, Robert Rice, and Miss Carol Swisher. The committee in charge of taking quarters at the door and helping behind the snack bar consisted of Liz Kinney, Tom Humphrey, Pat Lovshin, Betsy McCarthy, and Tom Stone.

Music for the 450 who attended each week was provided by records and occasionally a band. The "Mello-Dees" and Larry Kritzer's six-piece combo each had a one-night stand.

Veep Attends Parley

Student Council Vice President, Louis Schaul, was Shaker's representative at the Ohio Association of Student Councils Workshop. The Workshop, held at Ohio University the week of August 31, concerned itself with the problems and policies of school government. Louis will report his findings to Shaker's Council.

Shorts on Sports

By Andy Krotinger

With summer gone, the spunky Raidermen face an annual task—turning summer fat and spirit into muscle. Coach Nay Sanna made trips to Syracuse this summer to study new play series and has big plans for his squad. It remains that last season's 4-5 record left much to be desired. However, an optimist might assert that with eight returning lettermen, a mighty backfield, and an experienced coach, the Raidermen seem slated to appear as a dark horse this season.

Much established talent greets Coach Sanna this year. Among the aggregate—Bruce Weiner, Ken Korach, Bill Isaac, Errol Cohen, Chuck Cianciola, Larry Singerman, Ken Hegyes, and Gary Rusk. Weiner, Cohen, Hegyes, and Cianciola seem sure bets to be working out of slots beside center Singerman. With a speedy backfield and this unusually potent line, Coach Sanna has only to come up with second line support.

Unlike past years, Shaker will no longer be held to a basic ground attack. A carpathbagger from Memphis, named Weiss, has packed his spiked shoes and appeared at our alma mater—just in time to fill Teresi's little shoes. With Gary Rusk on the receiving end, the aerial attack will be the thing to watch this year. Not that the ground attack is unreliable—on the contrary, Shaker is likely to have one of the speediest backfields in the L.E.L. Shakerites should keep their eyes focused on the "Dream Team of the Press."

Parma, Shaw, and Euclid again look like the teams to beat in what is termed a very well balanced L.E.L. The diminutive Raidermen have a lot of spirit, and Nay Sanna's know-how could turn a group of scrapping boys into a smooth-running team.

With Coach Pickering gone, with five regulars off to college, and with a new unbiased sports editor, the Shaker tennis squad does not seem likely to receive its usual acclaim.



Coach Demmerle displays backfield techniques.

Red Raider Schedule, '60

Sept. 17 South	Home	Oct. 15 Lakewood	Home
Sept. 24 Maple Hts.	Home	Oct. 21 Heights	Away
Sept. 30 Brush	Away	Oct. 27 Parma	Away
Oct. 7 Euclid	Away	Nov. 4 Shaw	Away
Nov. 12 Garfield	Home		

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